are provided. Special campaigns were launched to screen high risk children so as to detect and treat HIV infected children. Till date, 22,217 new HIV+ children have been detected and 6338 children eligible put on ART at 127 ART centres in 31 States of the country. The peadiatric formulations of ARVs for 17,000 children have been made available at these centres. This initiative also includes developing paediatric ART guidelines, training of pediatricians and counselors, establishment of seven Regional Paediatric ART centres, free CD4 monitoring, free DNA PCR test for children up to 18 months, liquid formulations for babies weighing less than 5 kg, diagnosis and treatment of opportunistic infections and micro-nutrient supplementation.

Under NACP-III, it is proposed to provide free ART to 300,000 adults and 40,000 children through 250 ART Centres and Link ART Centres. All HIV positive persons accessing public health facilities and clinically eligible for ART shall be provided free ART.

Health scheme for BPL people

*355. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any health scheme for the poor people living below the poverty line in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the criteria for identification of the beneficiaries;

(c) whether steps are being taken or proposed to be taken by Government for implementation of the said scheme throughout the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (e) The Government has formulated several schemes for providing health services to citizens specially those who are below the poverty line. These include programmes for providing Reproductive and Child Health Services, control of communicable and non communicable diseases, providing curative as well as preventive/promotive care through a chain of primary, secondary and tertiary care health institutions.

Government has also launched the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) throughout the country with special focus on 18 states which have relatively poor health indicators/infrastructure. {These include 8 Empowered Action Group States (Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Rajasthan), 8 NE States, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir}.

The main aim of NRHM is to provide accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable primary health care facilities, especially, to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population.

The NRHM envisages improvements in range and quality of hospital care, decentralization of programme to district level to improve intra and inter-sectoral convergence and effective utilization of resources. The NRHM further aims to provide overarching umbrella to the existing National programmes of Health and Family Welfare including RCH-II, Malaria, Blindness, Iodine deficiency, Filaria, Kala Azar, T.B., Leprosy and Integrated disease Surveillance. Further, it addresses the issue of health in a sector-wide manner addressing sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and safe drinking water as basic determinants of good health. The initiatives under NRHM are benefiting the weaker sections including the poorer and minority community.

The Government has finalized a detailed Framework for implementation of NRHM which provides the road map for operationalisation of various strategies. While the improved health services are envisaged to be available to all the citizens, special provisions are made for the underprivileged persons and persons living in underserved areas.

Modernisation of training centres

†*356. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated any proposals for modernisation of training centres of Khadi and Village Industries;

(b) if so, the details of the said proposals and the names of the States where the above mentioned training centres are operating in the country at present alongwith their numbers in each State; and

(c) the training capacity available at each of these training centres?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Government (in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), on its own, has not formulated any proposal on modernization of existing training centres of Khadi and Village Industries. However, recently, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has forwarded a proposal to the Ministry on modernization of existing training centres and establishment of new training centres. This proposal is being discussed with KVIC to finalise the same. Details of the existing training centres, and the States where these centres are operating are enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below). The details of the training capacity of the existing training centres are enclosed as Statement-II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.